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School Committee Needs Recount

Rochester 2026 Annual Town Election

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester School Committee incumbent Kate Duggan topped a four-way race for two spots on the committee in the Rochester Annual Town Election on May 27. Duggan earned 624 votes to keep her seat and begin a third term.

"I'm just glad it's all over," Duggan said when asked how she felt about her win. She attributed winning the most votes in the race to her steady presence on the school board for the past six years. "Just being present was important for a lot of voters and important for the challenges that the school is facing. I say thank you to the voters. I know this is a big show of support for the direction we're on. And I look forward to what's next."

For the second open spot, Isabel Gomes-McCann, a stay-at-home mom and former biologist with 19 years of experience as a school-district volunteer, and Barbara Lee, a member of the Rochester Memorial School Council, are tied with 544 votes each. Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows said on Thursday there will be a recount. The fourth-place finisher was Stacie Noble Shriver, with 480 votes.

Wednesday night, Isabel Gomes-McCann speculated on why she was one of the top vote getters. "It's hard to say but I'd say they looked at my experience, and they saw the skills that make up what's needed on the school committee," she said. "Hopefully, this school committee will work to really be there for every single child."

In the election's other contested races, incumbent Tax Collector Beatrice Renaud, with 850 votes, bested challenger Judith Shepley, who tallied 181 votes. "I've been in the office since 2011," Renaud said, speculating on the reasons for her win. "Hopefully, it's because the voters are happy that the Tax Collector's office has done a good job, and that's why the results were what they

were."

In the Park Commission race, Brian Berube, with 438 votes, earned a narrow victory over Zoning Board of Appeals member K. Douglas Sims, who garnered 430 votes.

Peter Damien McCann was elected as the new Rochester member of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee with 790 votes, replacing Joseph Pires, who did not seek re-election.

This year's election saw a total of 1,132 voters cast their ballots.

The Snowball of Independence Rolls

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, Washington arrived in the largest city in the colonies, and

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On the Cover: The Old Rochester Regional High School graduation was last Saturday. The ceremony was inside due to the weather. The accomplished student speakers were Class President Caroline Houdelette who is attending Wheaton College and Valedictorian Ella Milhench who is attending the University of Alabama. The class of 2026 is heading out, with many looking to be graduation college in 2030. Photo by Sam Bishop

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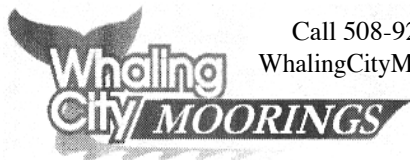
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the de-facto capital of the Thirteen Colonies, Philadelphia. Here, he meets with representatives from across the revolting former-British subjects. Calls for independence continue to grow louder.

On May 31, 1776, Washington continues his meetings with the Continental Congress. delegates agree to grant the Quartermaster General, Brigadier General Thomas Mifflin, a massive \$50,000 to procure supplies for the army including clothes, tools, and tents.

Major General Philip Schuyler has continued to write both the congress and Washington requesting ammunition and manpower. The next day, the congress votes to send an additional 6,000 men north towards the battle in Canada to support the desperate defense

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of the Hudson River. These men are to be raised from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York.

That same day, Washington receives a message from Major General William Alexander, known as Lord Stirling. He has spent the last days, under Washington's orders, to survey fortifications around the Hudson River around New York. He also notes the highlands and advantageous positions. Including hand-drawn maps of the region, he warns that Fort Constitution and Fort Montgomery to the north are dilapidated and undermanned. They require urgent attention and work. He presses the forts, "appear well worth possessing on many accounts; should the enemy be in possession of it, we should be cut off from our best communication with the whole country."

Major General Israel Putnam, placed temporarily in charge of the defense of New York by Washington, writes on June 2, quelling any fears held so far. He says, "No ships arrived since I wrote by express yesterday - nor no other news of importance."

On June 3, the Continental Congress was back in session following the prior day's Sunday recess. The day would see many military reforms. Reading various accounts presented by Washington, they vote to reinforce New York with 13,800 militiamen from the Northeast. Another 11 battalions are to guard New England, and a "flying camp" will be established in the middle, Atlantic colonies of Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. These flying camps were a experiment employed by the congress. The regiments employed by them would not be divided by state-of-origin and instead be mixed and not answer to any one state.

June 4 was the 38th birthday of King George III. Though once a popular holiday in the colonies, the



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current situation made it an unremarkable day.

On June 5, the Town of Wrentham declares independence. At a Town Meeting, not unlike the Tri-Town's own we just had, citizens, stirred by zealous anger at the crown and recent events around Boston, officially vote to no longer recognize the Crown as an executive and declare themselves free of "tyranny and oppression."

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for June

By Sam Bishop

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford,

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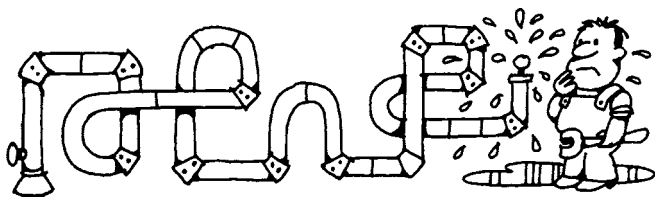


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generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus are very fortunate in that regard.

Well, let's touch on that airburst meteor explosion a few days ago while we're on the subject of space. Last Sunday, at around 2:00 pm, there was a loud rumble that nearly everyone in eastern New England heard. The sound was a sonic boom from a meteor darting through the atmosphere and breaking up right over the middle of Cape Cod Bay.

In a statement released by NASA on June 1, they say a 5-foot-wide asteroid entered the atmosphere traveling around 42,000 mph before disintegrating around 31 miles in the air. The force of its sonic boom and break up led to a loud explosion, assumed by many to be thunder or a tree falling, for hundreds of miles away. NASA added, "Based on the latest data, the energy released at breakup is estimated to be equivalent to about 230 tons of TNT." No damage was reported.

Now let's get back to looking up at the sky following this reminder that we are very much a part of space. June sees the reemergence of the "Summer Triangle," or the stellar triangle produced by the stars Altair, Deneb, and Vega visible above the entirety of the Northern Hemisphere.

The daytime Arietids meteor shower occurs between May 22 and June 24, peaking on June 7 with around 60 meteors per hour. The location of the meteors in the sky is relatively close to our view of the Sun, making the sighting of these shooting stars a bit difficult. The best time is in the early morning, towards the east near the horizon.

On June 15, there will be a New Moon, making this time the best to view faint stellar objects like nebulae and galaxies.

On June 21, the Summer Solstice occurs with the Sun directly over the Tropic of Cancer and the North Pole tipped toward it. Summer officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere!

The June Boötids meteor shower will occur between June 22 and July 2, peaking on June 27 with a minimal 1-to-2 meteors per hour.

On June 29, a Full Moon will occur. This first Full Moon of summer is sometimes referred to as the "Strawberry Moon," "Rose Moon," or "Honey Moon" by various groups.

In Praise of Pansies

The Seaside Garden

By Laura McLean

Pansies were my first floral love. As a child, I encountered these winsome blooms along the garden paths of my great-grandmother's home, pausing every few steps to admire their sweet, smiling faces. These tiny plants felt like kindred spirits - their small stature matched my own - and their beguiling expressions beckoned me ever closer, as though each blossom held a secret meant only for me.

I haven't forgotten that delight, and so each spring I tuck pansies into my window boxes to welcome the changing seasons. When summer's heat finally overtakes them,

I gently move the weary plants to a shady corner of the garden in hopes they will continue to bloom a little longer. "Pansies have charmed gardeners for centuries, descended from the tiny Johnny-jump-ups that once grew wild in open fields," writes Emelie Tolley in her book *A*



Potpourri of Pansies, adding: "Over time, they have served many roles - featured in lovers' potions and medicinal remedies, scattered as decorative garnishes upon the table, and dried into fragrant potpourris - yet their

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greatest gift may simply be the joy contained within each cheerful face."

The author notes that by the mid-19th century, pansies had been carefully hybridized into the large-flowered, richly colored blooms familiar to gardeners today. A full-fledged "pansy mania" soon followed, as the flowers were cultivated for exhibition and celebrated as fashionable bedding plants. Before long, their charming faces appeared everywhere - adorning China, paintings, and decorative objects throughout the Victorian era.

The word "pansy" is derived from the French word *pensée*, meaning "thought" or "remembrance." In the language of flowers, pansies conveyed the sentiment "thoughts of you," and countless postcards of the period were embellished with their likeness. I have one such card bearing a New Bedford postmark from 1908. It features a lucky gold horseshoe framing a small countryside scene, surrounded by pink dogwood blossoms and purple pansies. The handwritten message is intriguing, almost cryptic: "Five o'clock Sunday all alone. I am going to the P. Church fair tomorrow night. Wish you were here. JS."

Such postcards were part of the Golden Age of Postcards, a remarkable cultural craze that flourished from about 1907 to 1915. During those years, hundreds of millions of beautifully illustrated picture postcards were mailed annually, serving as the inexpensive and accessible "text messages" of their day.

That little postcard brings me to another truth about pansies. The garden pansy we know today was developed from wild members of the *Viola* family. In fact, all pansies are violas, but not all violas are pansies. Pansies generally bear larger flowers, while violas make up for their smaller blooms by flowering more abundantly.

The entire group belongs to the genus *Viola*, which includes pansies, violas, violettas, and violets. These cheerful flowers have delighted gardeners for centuries with their jewel-like colors and expressive faces.

Among the most beloved members of the family is the Johnny-jump-up (*Viola tricolor*), often called the European wild pansy. It has been a familiar sight in American gardens for so long that some gardeners like



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to imagine it arrived with the earliest settlers on the Mayflower. Whether or not that tale holds any truth, its popularity is undeniable.

Over the years, Johnny-jump-up has collected a charming assortment of folk names, including "three faces in a hood," "love in idleness (mentioned in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream)," "cull-me-to-you," and "heart's ease." Such names reflect the flower's long history in cottage gardens and its reputation for bringing comfort and cheer. It is easy to understand their affection. The blossoms seem almost to smile back at us.

But I digress.

Every spring I happily welcome these lovelies back into my garden. They spill from my window boxes in a tapestry of color akin to a stained-glass window, their beguiling velvety faces lifting my spirits every time I pass by or look out from said windows. Rather than planting just one or two colors, I delight in a kaleidoscope of hues: blue, yellow, purple, lavender, white, rust, pink, orange, bronze, and even velvety black. Some blooms are a single color; others are splashed, whiskered, bicolored, or tricolored. And then there is their fragrance - lightly sweet and delicate, all the more enchanting because it reveals itself only when one pauses long enough to lean in and enjoy it.

Whether you buy plants from the nursery or start from seed, division, or cuttings, pansies are easy to grow. To grow them from seed Tolley advises sowing the tiny

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When the weather gets hot pansies will wane and become leggy. When this happens, cut the plants way back, feed them well, and move to a cooler location. You'll see them perk up when the cooler weather comes.

Tolley's book expands on the uses for pansies as well as how to make potpourri. After allowing the petals to dry, mix with sweet-smelling dried herbs and oak moss tossed with fragrant oil. Here is a recipe:

4 parts each dried narcissus blossoms, dried geranium petals, air-dried pansies, air-dried delphinium petals, and bay leaves.

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Combine all ingredients except the whole pansies and allow to mellow in a tightly sealed jar for several weeks. Display in a bowl of your choice and scatter whole pansies on top. Tolley's small book, which is beautifully illustrated with gorgeous photos by Chris Mead, abounds with ideas ranging from culinary uses and arranging hints to arts and craft projects. Like the garden counterparts, it's a true delight.

Ophelia's iconic lines from Shakespeare's Hamlet (Act 4, scene 5) remind us of the deep emotional power flowers can carry: *There's rosemary, that's for remembrance. Pray you, love, remember. And there is pansies, that's for thoughts.*

Water Street Work Approved; MRC Charter Adopted

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

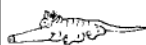
The Marion Select Board met publicly on Tuesday following an Executive Session.

The board began with a Public Hearing for Eversource Energy to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes along and across Water Street and the installation of 227 feet of 1-to-2 inch conduit. Jessica Elder, an agent for Eversource, represented the corporation and the proposed project.

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Board member Randy Parker, an electrician by trade, questioned the work being done and offered technical recommendations on the sizing of the pipes, stating they may be too small for their proposed output.

Elder stated, "it will provide more power, and they will have fewer outages."

A resident from 52 Water Street was worried the work would damage the granite near the road on his property. The company representative stated all removed material will be replaced.

Chair John Hoagland made a motion to approve, which was accepted by the other members.

Following the approval of minutes from their April 29 and May 5 meetings, Hoagland stated Town



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Administrator Geoffrey Gorman has been reappointed to another three years in the position.

The board discussed the third read of the Blighted and Vacant Property Policy. Vice Chair Toby Burr argued against the policy, stating the 180-day deadline for properties to be classified as vacant was too short, and stipulations regarding negative impacts on the surroundings were "too arbitrary." The board agreed to work on the policy and discuss it at their next meeting.

Hoagland recommended the Finance Committee attend their next meeting on Tuesday, June 16, to discuss various projects and budgeting.

The board then moved to discuss the Marine Resources Commission Charter. Chair Vincent Malkoski and member Scott Cowell were present to represent the MRC. There was a short discussion between the men, which culminated in the long-awaited and long-worked-on approval and adoption of the MRC Charter with a unanimous vote.

Next, there was an update on the work at Island Wharf. Gorman said the Island Wharf watermain project will be ready to go to bid in the fall. Currently, water and sewer input/output is too much for the system to handle.

Following work on the watermain, it was said the parking lot will be repaved. Parker recommended additions, such as electric car (EV) chargers. Gorman stated there is money in the budget for a feasibility study on much of the work. It was mentioned the Department of Public Works was beginning some work and evaluations the day following the meeting.

Hoagland then spoke on a new policy recommended from Town Counsel: a Public Comment Policy. The proposed policy would protect the town from litigation while also providing clear guidelines for expectations for public-meeting conduct. The chair also

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said he desired each Select Board meeting would start with a time for public comments.

Parker mentioned he didn't understand the use for the policy, while the town administrator stressed it was a way to mitigate risk. "I think it needs work, if we need it at all," Parker said. The board agreed to discuss it further in the future.

Work on repairing and repaving Delano Road was brought up, with the board being in consensus that work had to be done. Hoagland wanted to, "do as much of Delano as we can." There was no vote on this, but the board and DPW are in agreement work will be seriously discussed going forward.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will



be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station's conference room.

Clarifying Rejected Housing Bylaw

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The June 1 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board found the members engaged in discussion about possible next steps to the ongoing question: "Does Mattapoisett want affordable housing?" While the quick answer seems to be yes, lingering questions and the impact of reduced price tags on residential buildings are wide open.

In attendance was Liz DeCarlo, who questioned

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who or what department is in charge of overseeing zoning changes. Chair Tom Tucker said that the Planning Board's job is to implement zoning bylaws, formulate changes as needed, and to hold public hearings to gain voter input to proposed changes. After review by the Select Board, it's the Planning Board's job to present warrant articles at Town Meeting. The Spring Town Meeting saw the cottage bylaw article fail.

Once again, member William Wennerberg explained that the intent of the proposed new bylaw for cottage-style developments along the Route 6 corridor was not to advance affordable housing but rather offer those with sufficient funds an alternative to a full-sized lot. He said that people didn't understand what the new

bylaw was attempting to offer the community, smaller lots, smaller investment at prices that were "attainable."

Tucker said that, in spite of the best efforts of the board, few people took advantage of numerous public meetings and hearings that would have answered all their questions.

DeCarlo and newly minted Select Board member Nicole Doyon wondered if there isn't a wider conversation that could be planned, bringing together all the stakeholders. Tucker reiterated that numerous meetings on the topic have taken place to no avail. He also said that the board plans to "bring this back, at a future Town Meeting."

Business conducted on this night was approval of an ANR (Approval Not Required) for property located at 41 Fairhaven Road and owned by Sharon and Patrick Costello.

Also handled were stormwater-design modifications for the new Water and Sewer headquarters planned for 15 Industrial Drive.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for June 15 at 7:00 pm.

Snipatuit Pond Case Continued

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission on Tuesday hosted a meeting full of continuances and

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important developments.

The one hearing the board opened was for a Notice of Intent from John and Stephanie Sullivan of 485 Neck Road to install a metal, retractable deck in Snipatuit Pond and an access ramp to the dock from the bank of the pond. Applicant John Sullivan explained this seasonal deck replaces a wooden one that has deteriorated over time. He and his wife Stephanie are awaiting word on receiving a DEP Chapter 91 permit and license for the plan.

The board favored granting the project an Order of Conditions but continued the hearing to its next meeting to await the results of this permitting process. Commission member Matthew Bache, who owns such a deck himself, advised the Sullivans to make sure it is a rolling dock with big wheels that won't disturb the clam beds and to mark "seasonal dock," not "permanent dock," on his application.

Next, the commission announced an important update on the Notice of Intent by the Town of Rochester to utilize a harvester to cut and remove aquatic weeds from Snipatuit Pond. As a follow-up to several months of mulling over a variety of alternative and possibly more effective ways to eradicate the plants, the commission will receive a visit from a consultant expert on the subject. Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported that Pond and Lakes Connection, Connecticut, has provided dates they could come in and discuss the town's issues with the



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water-choking weeds. The commission agreed to set that appointment for a future meeting.

Between these two actions, the board continued to its next meeting the two Notice of Intent hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High Street, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone and the 25-foot No Disturb Zone for a ground-mounted solar array with a coupled energy-storage system.

The commission continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing to construct a four-bedroom, single-family home with septic system on Robinson Road across from Lloyd's Market within a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone.

The commission continued to its next meeting



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the Notice of Intent hearing to construct a solar array on Walnut Plain Road, a plan it previously reviewed on May 19.

The commission met a new potential board member, Norman Bourque, a Snipatuit Pond resident and a dredging expert.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Sean Sweeney: from Fill-In to Chair

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

On Monday, the Marion Planning Board held

their first meeting following the Town Election. Voted upon by residents were three candidates for three open spots on the board, thus making the race uncontested.

Ryan Burke was re-elected to his seat; Sean Sweeney won a seat following his appointment to finish the term of the late W. Dale Jones; and Ann Morgan won the seat previously held by Eileen Marum, who decided not to run for re-election.

Chair Andrew Daniel began the meeting by congratulating the new faces. Then, he moved to the board's reorganization. The positions of chair, vice chair, secretary, and various representatives to other town bodies.

The chair position saw a humorous turn of events. Jon Henry nominated Alanna Nelson, who nominated Sweeney, who himself nominated Daniel. Tucker Burr seconded the nomination of Nelson, but Nelson stated she would rather hold a different representative position. And, thus, after some discussion, it was down to Sweeney or Daniel. In a 4-3 vote, Sweeney was made chair of the Planning Board.

Next, Morgan was voted as vice chair with a unanimous vote. Burr was then quickly made secretary with another unanimous vote.

After appointments and reorganization, there was a Pre-Submission Conference for Uncle Jon's Coffee. Will Saltonstall and Dave Davignon represented the owners, the Pope family, and the business plans. Currently, the business is renting on Front Street but seeks to buy the old and dilapidated building at 413 Wareham Road (Route 6). Saltonstall explained the building would be restored and modernized, with the new site "becoming the primary cooking hub for the other Uncle Jon's stores," he explained.

The board explained there would need to be various assessments, traffic studies, environmental studies, and a major site-plan review. However, the board waved the requirement for an environmental assessment, a section of utility and drainage standards, and the traffic study with unanimous votes.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 7:00 pm in the Marion



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Matos, Bulldogs Cool under Pressure

ORR Girls Tennis

By Mick Colageo

Neva Matos wasn't always a cool customer on the tennis court. Clutch in Tuesday's victory over talented Watertown freshman Sara Yasin, the freshly minted, 2026 Old Rochester Regional graduate drew on all her learning of the last three years to turn around a bleak situation and earn the deciding point in ORR's 3-2 MIAA Division 3 Round of 16 win that sends the Bulldogs into Friday's quarterfinals at second-seeded Dover Sherborn (19-1).

"A lot of times in the juniors, I was the



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problem in my own head. I would miss a shot, and then my whole game would spiral from there," said Matos, whose match at first singles was looking like her last as a high schooler, having lost the opening set, 6-1. "I just realized that it's just one point in the big scheme of things. There's so many more you're going to play. It's more important to focus on the next point than the last point."

Showing the maturity of a graduate, Matos performed a reverse spiral, adjusting in the second set and finding efficiency with her first serve, mixing pace on her return games and taking away the rhythm that had been teeing up her opponent, a real slugger with a formidable, crosscourt forehand. Fed a steady dose of high, looping groundstrokes in the first set, Yasin had swung freely,

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pounding forehands hard to the corners of the court, sometimes for clean winners.

"I think once the second set kind of came around, my focus shifted," said Matos. "Instead of like (focusing on) winning the point to just put the ball in and kind of take it from there – because I don't have a chance if I make the mistake."

Having utterly dominated her regular-season opponents, Matos was facing major, on-court adversity for the first time all season.

"I think it could be part of it, but she is also a really good player so I think, either way, in my prime it still would have been a battle. That could have been a small factor, but I think really she's a good player out there. It would have been a battle anyway," said Matos.

Number 10 Watertown (12-9) started strong, getting wins at second singles, where Eva Khalrian defeated Caroline Houdelette, 6-1, 6-1, and at first doubles where Julie Pipitone and Calista Tansalsank defeated Ella Bishop and Zadi Goyette, 6-2, 6-2. But the seventh-seeded, 19-0 Bulldogs got pivotal points at third singles from Grace Hebert, who prevailed against Gigi Nitchke, 7-5, 6-4, and at second doubles where Molly Franco and Paige Marotta closed out Lily Griffith and Addy Powazink, 6-1, 7-5.

Those wins evened the count at two matches apiece, pinning all the attention on first singles, where Matos and Yasin slugged it out. As the two combatants

dug into the deciding set with all eyes on their match, they were cognizant of the fact the entire outcome would be determined on their court.

Matos' experience emerged as the deciding factor, especially in the third set where she made more first serves, allowing her to dictate more rallies. Yasin struggled at the service line in the third set, and Matos alternated between teeing off on her returns with run-around forehands and slicing low, short returns that caught her opponent too far in the backcourt.

After the final point, Matos and Yasin met at the net, and as Matos carried the scorecards through the door, her teammates gathered quietly to observe as she entered the score onto the grease board next to the gate.

"It's not over 'til it's over, not 'til you play that last point," said Matos, who turned to her teammates and disappeared behind a group hug as coach Jim McGonigle captured the memory on camera.

ORR started out its postseason run with a 5-0 win against Number 26 seed Seekonk on May 31. A single sweep keyed the victory, as Matos won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, Houdelette won 6-0, 6-1 at second singles, and Hebert won 6-0, 6-0 at third singles.

According to the MIAA tournament website, match time Friday at Dover-Sherborn High School is 4:00 pm.

Boys Tennis

The previously unbeaten (16-0) ORR boys tennis team, seeded 13th in Division 3, fell 3-2 to 20th seed Groton-Dunstable in the Round of 32, on May 27.

Aiden Comorosky contributed to this report.

Float Continued; Shed Approved

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, May 27. Though this was their first meeting following the Town Election, none of the commission's seats were up for vote.

Chair Matt Shultz began the meeting by continuing to its June 10 meeting the Public Hearing of Elizabeth H. O'Leary of 81 Cove Circle for a Notice of

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Intent for the removal and replacing of a timber float.

Following that, the commission quickly approved the minutes from their May 13 meeting without question.

Next, they quickly approved two certificates of compliance for the Town of Marion, one for work at the intersection of Creek Road and Point Road and another for the relocation of a generator on Pumping Street Road. Both were approved unanimously without discussion.

Thus began the next Public Hearing, being for Susan Fine of 83 Mooring Road for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal and replacing of a wooden shed. Fine was present, explaining that the new shed will keep the same foundation slab and will be the same size and footprint. She clarified the shed is back around 100 feet from the water, and the motion to close the Public Hearing was made with a unanimous vote.

For the vote, the commissioners stated the work does not require a Notice of Intent, and a unanimous Negative Determination vote approved the project.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation



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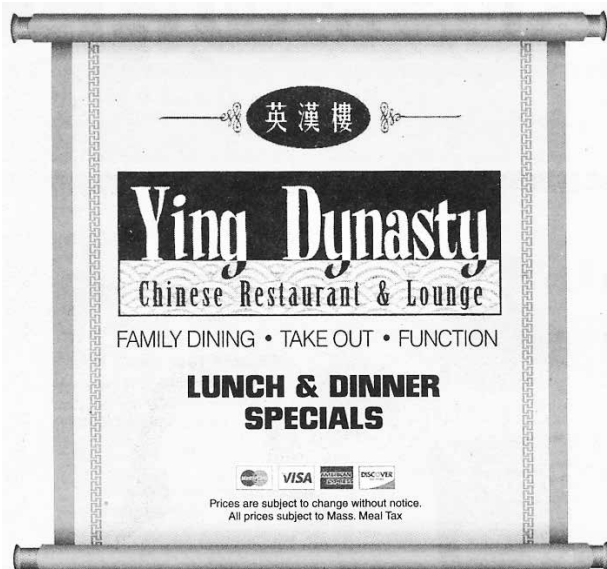
Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station's conference room.

Rochester Website Restored Following Outage By Jared Melanson

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ORR Students Awarded in Essay Contest

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On May 26, awards were bestowed upon four essay writers- all students in their junior year. First place winner was Isabelle Ortega, second place was Catherine Sylvia-Everett, third place was Emma Costa, and fourth place was Luke Pierre. Congratulations to all.

The Marion Democratic Town Committee is looking forward to offering a similar challenge to next year's junior and senior students. The committee thanks Principal Michael Devoll and Dr. Carroll. We also thank the students for meeting the writing criteria and for their esteemed accomplishments. We are grateful for the time our judges took to score the admissions in finding the best of the best.

Boston Post Cane Ceremony Honors Marion's Eldest Resident

Roy Wilson "Will" Wingate is Marion's eldest resident, and he was honored last week with the Boston Post Cane in celebration of his 101st birthday.

A Boston Post Cane is a gold-headed ebony cane periodically offered to the eldest citizen of a New England town. The now-defunct Boston Post newspaper began the tradition in 1909. The canes belong to the town, but they are passed from one eldest resident to the next.

Wingate's daughter was in attendance along with his 100-year-old wife Ann. They were joined by family, friends, Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, state Rep. Mark Sylvia, and members of the Marion Select Board - Chair John W. Hoagland, Vice Chair Carleton (Toby) Burr Jr., and Clerk Randy L. Parker.

Parker and Rep. Sylvia both gave speeches to



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"A century of life in and of itself is an achievement, but a life so richly lived, devoted to family, service, hard work and adventure, deserves special recognition," Parker said.



Wingate was born May 16, 1925, in Arlington, New Jersey. As a member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II, he intercepted covert intelligence involving foreign-language communications. He later established himself in a successful construction management career, creating opportunities for residents of New Bedford, Virginia and Florida. He and his wife have traveled to 28

countries in their lives. Scotland was their favorite.

When the couple was asked about their secret to longevity, Wingate's wife answered, "Being married for 71 years."

The Wingates raised five children and are now grandparents to seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Rep. Sylvia described them as Marion's "power couple."

"It is our privilege to honor a life of service, integrity, family, curiosity and contribution," Parker said. "May Mr. Wingate's story continue to inspire generations to come."

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Students Win Feinstein Golden Tickets

Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 is proud to share that two students from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) and Sippican Elementary School were recently selected as winners of Feinstein Foundation Golden Tickets.

The tickets earned each school a \$2,000 grant and an additional \$500 for the students to donate to a charity of their choice.

"We are grateful for the Feinstein Foundation's generosity," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Their dedication to inspiring kindness and community service among young students is helping to shape a

more compassionate generation, and we are proud to see its impact in our schools. We greatly appreciate the Foundation and all it has done for the Old Rochester community."

Seventh grader Lauren Dowd was selected as a winner for ORRJHS. She chose to donate her winnings to Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. The nonprofit organization, of which Lauren is a member, instills confidence in performers ages 7 to 18 as they sing at various events for community organizations, including hospitals, nursing homes and more.

First grader Lily Bowser was selected as a Golden Ticket winner for Sippican Elementary School. Lily will donate her \$500 winnings to people experiencing homelessness in New York City. Originally from New York, Lily witnessed the impact of homelessness firsthand and was inspired to help unhoused families and individuals after she moved to Marion.

"The Feinstein Foundation's charitability helps foster a school environment where acts of kindness and generosity are the norm," said Sippican Elementary School Principal Lynn Dessert. "We are always proud of how our Sippican students choose to support their community through this program. When they have the chance to pay it forward, our students always do so with excitement and sincerity. Congratulations to Lily for winning a Golden Ticket."

Each Feinstein Junior Scholar receives an individually numbered Golden Ticket. Beginning in October, random drawings are held on WPRI Channel 12, and five student tickets from elementary and middle schools across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts are randomly selected each week.

"We are always inspired by what our students do when provided the opportunity to give back to their community," said ORRJHS Principal Silas Coellner. "We are proud to see our students choose charities that directly benefit local causes important to them. Lauren's support of the arts will be appreciated by both the students involved in the program, as well as the community members who enjoy their performances."

Annual Marion Town Party

Save the Date. The Annual Marion Town Party returns on Saturday, **July 25**, (rain date: Sunday, July 26) on the grounds of Silvershell Beach on Front Street. This community celebration supports the Marion Cultural Council and the Marion Firefighters Association.

Festivities kick off at 4:00 pm with plenty to enjoy: delicious food and beverages for purchase, free children's activities (including a climbing rock wall), live music from Marion's own Flashback, and lots more fun for all ages.

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MAC Theater Presents Our Town

Our Town, the Thornton Wilder play, is opening at the MAC on June 12. Directed by Pippa Asker, the play is an exploration of everyday life, love and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families the Gibbsses and the Webbs - as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, Our Town invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments - shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals - and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

Don't miss this community-packed show, likely featuring someone you know appearing on stage. The cast includes Jade Beauregard, Annie Belkin, Ron Biever, Jack Boesen, Kristina Dahlene, Charlotte DaRosa, Jason DiMatteo, David DiSandro, Antonio Duarte, Blake Gagne, Zach Gagne, Deane W. Johansen Jr., Cynthia Johnson, Macy Kinney, Suzanne Kokkins, Matt Lynds, Charlotte Osterday, Charlotte Rider, Margo Ruggiero, Tom Slater, Gary Sousa, Genevieve Suman, Fred Tanga, Lou Tanga, Donn Tyler, and Harvey Ussach; with Stage Manager Marisa Biever, Technical Director Steve McManus, and Costumes by Ann-Marie Fredericks.

The show runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays **June 12 through June 28** at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Friday and Saturday curtain is at 7:00 pm and Sunday matinee is at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for nonmembers and can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events.

Sippican Historical Society Community Service Award

The Sippican Historical Society will honor Bob Raymond with its 2026 Community Service Award at their Annual Meeting on **June 18**.

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Thursday June 4, 2026

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Suzy Titus
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Woman Involvement in the Preservation of New England
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
9:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 5, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Suzy Titus
5:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
6:15 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 6, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrowitz - with Darren
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation With...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday June 7, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
4:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
7:30 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
9:00 PM ORR Softball vs Bourne
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 8, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 9, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday June 10, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:30 AM Marion Spring Town Meeting
1:30 PM Marion Board of Health
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
4:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board
7:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
8:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
11:00 PM Marion Pathway Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Old Colony Building Project Update
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
2:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
3:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
3:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
4:30 PM Rochester Annual Town Meeting
6:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
7:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert
8:30 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards Night
9:30 AM Old Colony Building Project Update
10:00 AM Old Colony Industry Signing Day 2026
11:00 AM ORR Theater Class
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
2:30 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
4:00 PM ORR Promenade
5:00 PM ORR Spring Concert
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8:00 PM ORR Promenade
9:00 PM ORR Softball vs Bourne
11:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley

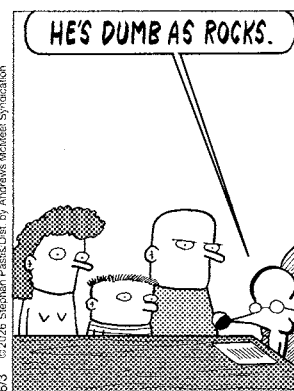
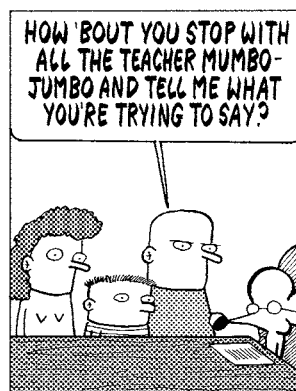
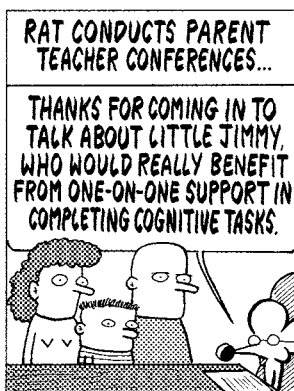
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



experience. His expertise was instrumental in helping with the planning for the renovation of the Town House," said Frank McNamee, curator of the Sippican Historical Society.

For more than eight years, Bob contributed to the Marion Town House Feasibility Committee. After residents chose not to build a new administrative building Town House in 2018, work began to create a phased project that focused on the exterior, mechanical systems, accessibility and safety upgrades.

The building originally served as Tabor Academy's first academic building in 1876. It is the third administrative building Marion has had since becoming a Town in 1852. The first, located near Old Wharf, burnt down in 1881. Elizabeth Taber paid for its reconstruction. In the 1930's, the Town and Tabor swapped property. The building at 2 Spring Street will complete final upgrades later this summer.

Although Bob Raymond grew up in Eastern Massachusetts, his work as an architect specializing in health care facilities has taken him to the South Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. When he and his wife searched for a home port in 1996, the demographics, strong public schools and sailing made Marion home. Currently, his architectural practice is working on a psychiatric hospital in Cameroon and a children's hospital in Rwanda.

On June 18, 6:30 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, the Board of the Sippican Historical Society will recognize Bob's work. A tree will be planted in his honor at the Town House. Join the Board and members of the Sippican Historical Society to thank Bob for his commitment and for his expertise shared with Marion.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

On Sunday, **June 14**, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, directed by Philip Sanborn, will be under the Grand Tent at Tabor Academy for its Annual Pops Concert to benefit the John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship Fund. This year's concert will be a festive celebration of Flag Day and 250 years of independence. The music will be a patriotic parade of classic American tributes to the flag and our country. The concert begins with John Williams' "Liberty

Fanfare" and is followed by "A Jefferson Portrait," "American Civil War Fantasy," "Variations on America," "America the Beautiful" and a host of iconic, flag-waving arrangements. Cupcakes and lemonade will be part of the festivities along with a multi-prized raffle with the proceeds benefiting the scholarship fund.

Doors will open at 12:00 noon. The music starts at 2:00 pm with a social hour at 1:00 pm. The grand tent, with ample space and excellent ventilation on all sides, is virtually an open-air concert venue, on the Sippican Harbor waterfront.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and can be purchased at the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth, Mimi's of Marion or online at www.tricountysymphonicband.org/ Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event for \$50 each.

Mattapoisset Celebrates 250 Years. Committee

Please join us as we plan the Semi quincentennial celebration of our country. The committee has several ideas for the celebration. The events will be family friendly that recognize the historical past and the future of our great country. Volunteers are the heart of this celebration. Please consider donating your time to make these events fun and memorable.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **June 4** at 6:00 pm at American Legion Hall Florence Eastman Post 280 on 3 Depot Street. Questions or comments can be



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Old Hammondtown School Visit to Cuttyhunk

On May 20 the Old Hammondtown School sixth graders boarded the Cuttyhunk Ferry to spend a beautiful day exploring the Island of Cuttyhunk. Students experienced hands on learning by exploring the natural beauty of marshes, as well as both the calm and the island's wild wave battered shores.

Students put on waders to explore eelgrass



meadows up close and learned the importance the water flora has on our marine environment and the aquatic food web. The Mass Audubon lead explorations of some of the shorebirds that migrate to the island to nest and raise their young. A local oyster farmer discussed the business of oyster farming and how important the ecological environment that is needed for oyster growth and the contributions shellfish have on the water quality. A fun favorite among the students was trying their hands at crabbing along the docks.

This field trip was organized by Ben Squire, the OHS and Center School science teacher and Michelle Carvalho a local resident of Cuttyhunk and the STEAM Academy Director.

The Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship

The Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the recipient of our third annual \$2,000 scholarship. The recipient of this year's award is Zachary Mendes of Rochester. Zachary plans to attend Bunker Hill Community College. A massive thank you to everyone who came together and contributed. For more information or if you would like to contribute to next year's scholarship, please contact the foundation at 508-922-0541.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Library Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Harbor Days Book Sale on Friday, **July 17** and Saturday **July 18**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Wednesday, July 15 through Thursday, July 16, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition we will be accepting Jewelry donations for our December Jewelry Sale. Jewelry donations can be dropped off any time at the Front Desk.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoisett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library at friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com.

World-wide Knit in Public Day

World-wide Knit in Public Day is Saturday, **June 13**. Join fellow knitters from 12:00 pm noon to 2:00 pm on the Mattapoisett Museum lawn, 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

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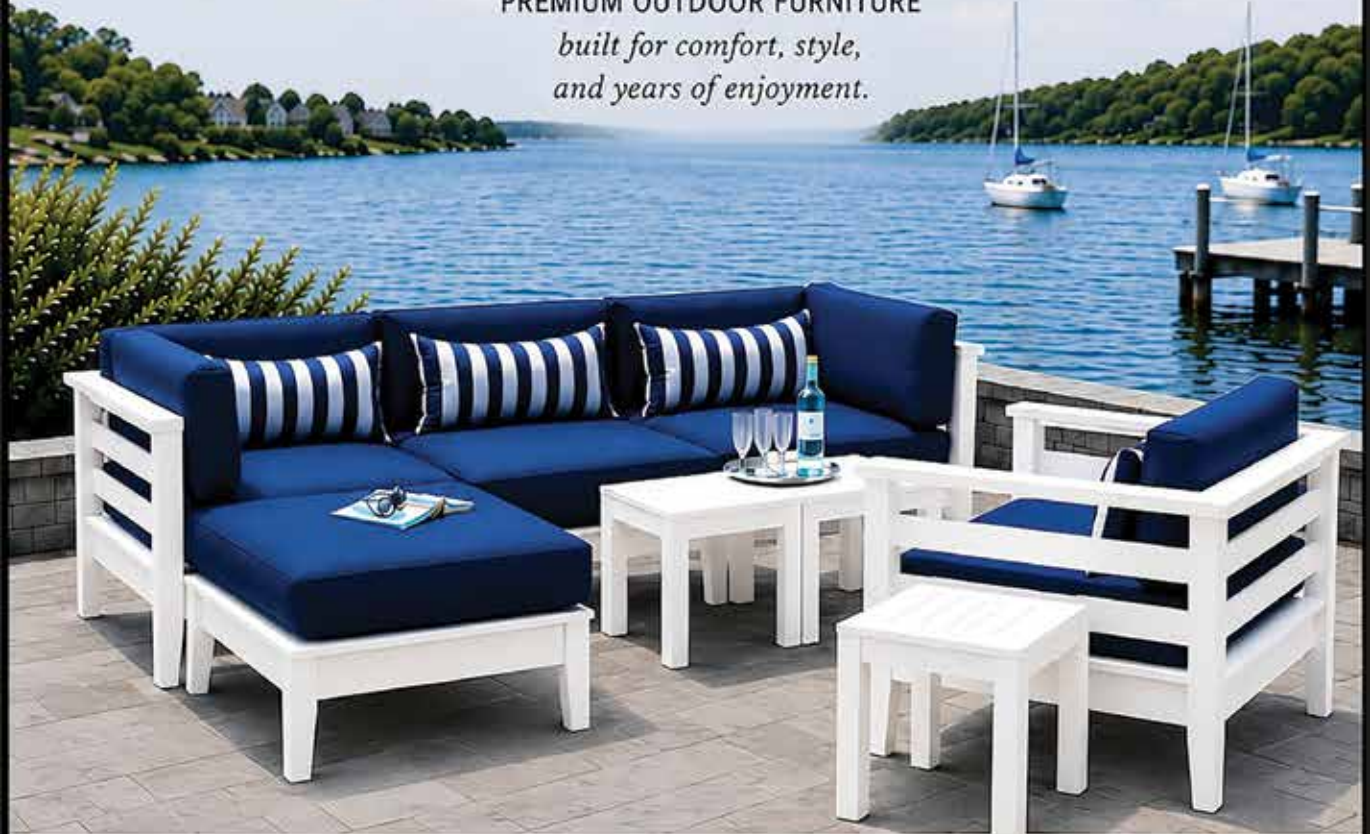
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OBITUARIES



Nancy E. Norton, 84, of Naples, Florida, and Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2026, surrounded by family.

Born in Boston, Nancy was the daughter of Mary V. (Nestor) Auclair and Oscar Auclair. She grew up in Jamaica Plain, where she gained warmth, resilience, and devotion to family-qualities that defined her life.

In 1960, Nancy married Robert L. Norton. Together they shared over sixty years of marriage, building a life around family, friendship, travel, and community. They raised their family in Norfolk, Massachusetts, later retiring in Naples, Florida, and spending summers in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Robert predeceased Nancy on June 22, 2024.

Nancy was a devoted mother to Robert L. Norton Jr. and his wife, Pamela, of Wellesley. She was also the mother of Mary K. Norton and her husband, Michael Feinberg, of Medfield, and of Thomas Norton and his wife, Cheri Alix, of Norfolk.

She was a proud and loving grandmother to Sarah Neiterman and her husband, Daniel, of Boston, Massachusetts; Joshua Norton of Wellesley, Massachusetts; Kayla V. Feinberg and her husband, Garrett Ledbetter, of Norfolk, Massachusetts; Nicholas Feinberg and his fiancée, Sucha Chantaprasopsuk, of Chicago, Illinois; and Thomas Alix Norton of Upton, Massachusetts. Nancy was also blessed with the joy of becoming a great-grandmother to Oliver Ledbetter. His arrival brought her tremendous happiness.

Nancy is survived by her sister, Joan Lake of Norwood, Massachusetts; her cherished nieces Karen Hays and Kathleen Marino both of Naples, Florida, and Janet Chagnon of Greenfield, Massachusetts; and many other beloved nieces and nephews related to the Lake, Burns and Norton families. She will be remembered for the birthday and anniversary cards she sent for decades. No milestone went unnoticed; no loved one was forgotten.

Nancy possessed remarkable artistic talents. She was an accomplished oil painter, inspired by the South Coast of Massachusetts. She skillfully captured its landscapes with affection. She was also an expert seamstress, creating clothing, furnishings, and handmade items with care. Her passion for sewing led to many years at the Franklin Mill Store, where she shared her expertise. She was a gifted knitter. Her sweaters, scarves, and handmade gifts kept loved ones warm through New England winters.

A longtime resident of Naples and Mattapoisett, Nancy embraced both communities, joining book clubs, gatherings, and events, and forming lifelong friendships. In the Point Connett community of Mattapoisett, Nancy was cherished for her kindness and thoughtfulness. She had a gift for bringing people together, organizing gatherings, contributing decorations and artwork, and always offering a helping

hand. Nancy enriched lives, fostered cherished traditions, and created lasting memories.

Nancy and Bob shared a love of travel and adventure. They explored historic cities, exotic destinations, and scenic coastlines. They enjoyed tranquil cruise ports. Their travels created treasured memories and stories. These reflected their shared curiosity and deep enjoyment of the world.

After being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, Nancy faced her illness with grace and courage. Her family is grateful for the compassionate care from her physicians, nurses, and caregiver, including teams at Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Southcoast Health.

In accordance with Nancy's wishes, no public services are planned. Her family will gather privately in Mattapoisett later this summer. In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who wish to honor Nancy's memory to donate to Blood Cancer United at www.bloodcancerunited.org.

The family invites loved ones to honor Nancy by spending time together, creating something beautiful, or connecting with others—simple acts that reflect her life. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



It is with deep sadness and love that the family of **Mark Denis LaBrie**, of Westport, Massachusetts, announces his passing on May 30, 2026, at the age of 73. Mark was born on April 18, 1953, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, to Omer Denis LaBrie and Marion Balthazar LaBrie. He lived a life defined by generosity, hard work, faith,

family, and quiet strength.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen "Kathy" Sullivan LaBrie, and together they built a life centered around family, loyalty, and care. Mark had a playful spirit, a magnetic personality, and an easy likability that drew people to him. One of the greatest gifts Mark gave to those around him was the way he made people feel truly loved. The words he said most often were simple but powerful: "I love you." Whether in person or at the end of a phone call — even if it was the third call of the day — those words were always there.

Mark gave without expecting anything in return. He loved without judgment, forgave easily, and found genuine joy in seeing others succeed. He was a dream maker, a cheerleader, a confidant, and a source of endless hugs that felt like a blanket of warmth. He put others before himself and lived with a selflessness that will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Mark lived as a steward — of his family, his work, his friendships, and the people entrusted to him. He believed that what you build in life is not only for yourself, but for those who come after you. He took responsibility seriously,

Bring lunch, beverage, a lawn chair, and your fiber work. Dessert will be provided. All fiber crafts are welcome. If you have any questions, email Gail Roberts at peggsmom@gmail.com. In case of rain, this program will be canceled.

ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) has announced the recipients of its 2025–2026 scholarship and grant programs, awarding a total of \$6,500 to support Old Rochester students, teachers, and school initiatives. The awards reflect the Association's ongoing commitment to celebrating student leadership and strengthening the broader ORR community.

BPAA President Thomas Peccini '88 offered the following statement on behalf of the Executive



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cared deeply for the people around him, and tried to leave things better than he found them.

Professionally, Mark spent more than 45 years in the international moving and relocation industry, beginning as a helper and rising through hard work, determination, and care to become a respected executive, entrepreneur, and business owner. He served as Managing Director with Paramount Transportation Systems, one of the world's leading international household goods relocation firms, and later started and owned Patriot Relocation Services, a company that became one of his great pride and joys. He cared deeply for his employees and believed in doing things the right way.

Outside of work, Mark was an avid outdoorsman who loved spending time with family and close friends deer hunting and fishing. He especially cherished his time on Anticosti Island, where he shared countless memories with many friends and family members over the years. He also loved taking his grandchildren fishing and was proud of his golden trout catches, memories that reflected both his love of the outdoors and the joy he found in sharing it with the people he loved.

Mark also took great pride in building and creating with his hands. He appreciated the craftsmanship of a project done well and was especially proud of the family's first home on Marion Road in Middleboro, which he built himself. It was more than a house; it reflected his work ethic, determination, and pride in building a life for his family.

No matter how hard things became, even when Mark did not see a clear path forward himself, he always had a way of giving others the confidence they needed to carry on and stand tall. He lived that example himself and, in doing so, became an example for others.

Mark leaves behind a legacy of leading with love — a legacy that will be remembered, carried forward, and passed down by his family for generations.

Mark was predeceased by his parents, Omer and

Marion LaBrie.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kathleen "Kathy" Sullivan LaBrie; his daughter, Kara LaBrie Fitch, and her husband, Brian, of Middleboro, Massachusetts, and their children, Riley, Brodie, Logan, and Nora; his son, Colin LaBrie, and his wife, Michaela, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, and their children, Cormac, Reed, and Laina; his brother, Wayne LaBrie, and his wife, Naomi; his sister, Sandy LaBrie Jane, and her husband, Rod; his brother, Kevin LaBrie, and his wife, Kristen; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, employees, and all those whose lives he touched.

Mark will be remembered most for the love he gave so freely, the pride he took in his family, the people he helped, the hugs he gave, the confidence he instilled, and the simple words that defined him best:

"I love you."

A funeral Mass will be held June 6, 2026, at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist, Westport, Massachusetts, an open celebration of life will be held immediately following from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the home of Colin and Michaela LaBrie in Mattapoisett. Family and friends may contact the family for details.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mark's memory to the Friends of Jack Foundation, which supports children and families across the SouthCoast through programs focused on pediatric health, comfort, and well-being, at <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/3znbDA?vid=1kbgxn>.

Donations may also be made to Wankinquoah Junior Associates, 112 Pine Street, Middleboro, MA 02346, for the Tihonet Annual Fishing Derby, in memory of Mark LaBrie.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.



MOVIE REVIEW

No Exit

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Backrooms*. Starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Renate Reinsve. Directed by Kane Parsons. Running time: 110 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

Somebody smarter than me will have to analyze the overwhelming successes of the small horror movies *Obsession* and now *Backrooms*. I liked *Backrooms* more, because it's so abstract and attracts interpretation like a black garment attracts lint, and it will be a generation's first real headspace horror film. Almost the entire movie takes place inside a liminal nightmare place that looks bland enough for us to project our own fears onto it. There are things in the "Backrooms" that will chase you around and kill you, but they're not the scariest part.

The monster — what Stephen King termed "the Bad Place" — is the Backrooms, which is a haunted house, haunted not by malefic ghosts but by yourself. The Backrooms are your own brain, your trauma, the twin demons of past and future stealing from the present. "I wear the chain I forged in life," said Jacob Marley's ghost, and similarly, in *Backrooms*, we occupy the space we build around us. It's definitely no accident that the protagonist, Clark (Chiwetel Ejiofor), is a once-aspiring architect (forced to give up on his dream). His soul architecture is maddening, inescapable. The monster is a grotesquely enlarged copy of himself, like a funhouse mirror showing us our exaggerated but possibly accurate reflections.

Backrooms, scripted by Will Soodik, was directed by Kane Parsons, who has visited the world of the Backrooms before in a YouTube series. The movie is standalone; you don't need to watch all the YouTube shorts. I almost want to, and I almost don't want to even more, because I'm afraid that what I disliked about the movie will also mar the series. What I disliked was that, obliquely, we get the beginnings of a material explanation for the Backrooms. There are scientists studying the place, trying to map it. I sense that this sort of thing is in the movie to give the audience some semblance of



logic to cling to. We see that the Backrooms exist in a larger sense, not just for Clark, and though Parsons doesn't make the mistake of backroomsplaining *why* the cursed place exists, it seems to cheapen the horror a little, to make it shared instead of individual.

Clark is in therapy; he's an alcoholic enraged at his wife. His therapist, Dr. Mary Kline (Renate Reinsve), has her own bugaboos — a mentally disturbed mother, the impending destruction of her childhood home. Despite Reinsve's strong performance, this part of the film disappointed me. It *almost* gets there, with Dr. Kline performing brute therapy on Clark even in the Backrooms, into which she follows him. What happens to Clark is first-rate horror metaphor. But Dr. Kline is still reduced to a captive, and then a Final Girl, as though Parsons were complying with the dictates of commercial horror. These young male YouTubers don't seem to have much curiosity about female characters, though Parsons does at least get inside Dr. Kline's head; that puts him one up on Curry Barker, the twentysomething YouTuber who made *Obsession*.

I liked how Parsons used liminal space, that sort of sparsely disordered, abandoned space that feels uncanny, non-Euclidean, almost existentially bothersome. It's a place that's just *wrong*, though it also seems to be built for some appalling, unguessable purpose. The fact that it resembles office or retail space can't escape us — the haunted houses of capitalism, the graveyard of dreams that rot into nightmares. Parsons has gotten to something deep and distressing about the way our brains work to protect our selves, sometimes in a frightening and mutated fashion. It all started with a "creepypasta" (online freakout horror fiction) indebted to the vibe of desolation, rooms you wouldn't want to be alone in for very long because they look too much like what you see when you turn out the light.

Committee: "These scholarships and grants reflect the very best of the Old Rochester community - students who lead with heart, teachers who go above and beyond, and alumni who remain deeply committed to supporting the next generation. We are proud of every applicant and grateful to the volunteers who give their time to ensure a fair and thoughtful process. The BPAA is honored to continue investing in programs that strengthen our schools and uplift our students."

The BPAA Scholarship Program awarded \$5,000 to members of the Class of 2026. The program is overseen by the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Vice President Michelle (Gayoski) Tackitt '87, with Danielle (Briggs) Brightman Heanue '87 serving as Vice Chair. Committee members include Tom Fletcher '88, Brett Fortin '87, Lisa (Gayoski) Garabedian '85, Thomas Peccini '88, and Gracanne Graceanne (Reynolds) Zenga '87.

The Bulldog Pride Award, which honors seniors who demonstrate leadership, community engagement, and kindness toward their peers, drew applications from 15 students. After a thorough review and interview process involving 13 alumni volunteers, the BPAA selected Nina Pierre of Mattapoisett and Delilah Post of Marion as the 2026 recipients. Each will receive \$1,500. Ms. Pierre, Executive President of the Student Council, championed mental health initiatives and expanded Kindness Week into an interactive program encouraging students to support one another. Ms. Post, a three-sport



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On Saturday, Old Rochester Regional High School held its graduation inside the gym, away from the wind and rain. Over 140 (now-former) students gathered on one side as they looked on towards their families, friends, and other guests stationed opposite. Photo by Sam Bishop



Pine Island Road. Photo by Ruth Griffin

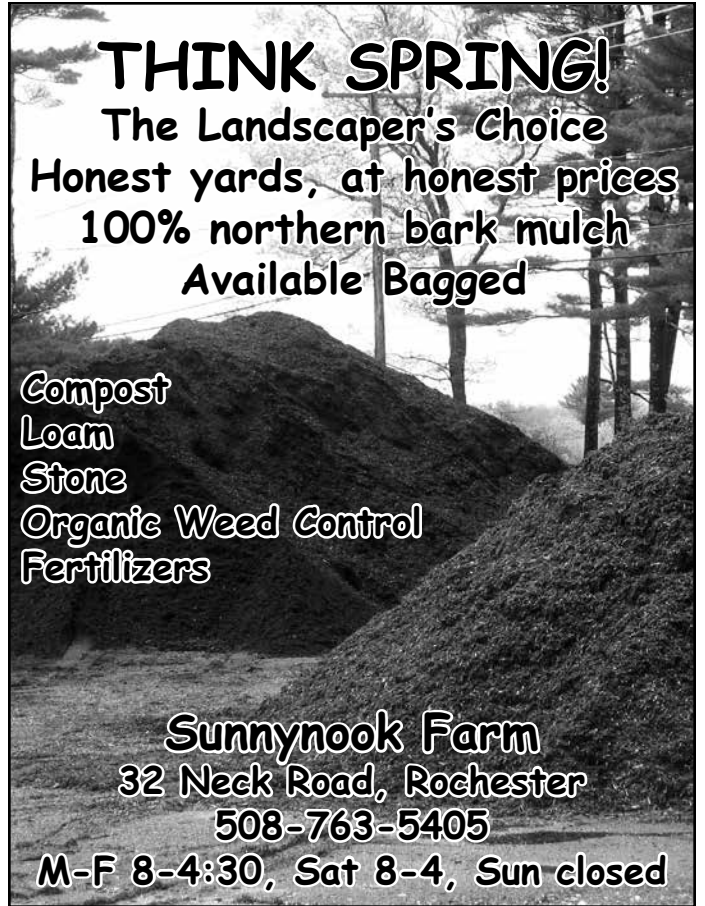
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team captain, is recognized for fostering inclusion and belonging, contributing to the Ambassadors Club, and volunteering at the local food pantry.

The Bulldog First Award, which supports a first-generation college-bound senior, provides \$500 annually for four years, for a total of \$2,000. Among the six student applicants for the award, Olivia Kinney of Rochester has been selected as the 2026 recipient. Ms. Kinney plans to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography at Quinnipiac University beginning this fall.

Vice President Tackitt '87, who announced the awards at Senior Awards Night on Thursday, 28 May 2026, reflected on this year's applicants: "Announcing this year's scholarship recipients at Senior Awards Night was a true honor. The Class of 2026 is exceptional, and the strength of this year's applicants reflected that. Nina and Delilah stood out for their leadership and kindness, and we are equally proud to support Olivia as she becomes the first in her family to pursue higher education. Each of them represents the promise and potential of this remarkable class."

In addition to its scholarships, the BPAA launched the first cycle of its new Grants Program for the 2025-2026 school year. In development since 2024, the program now extends the Association's giving to projects that benefit larger student groups and provide resources for faculty- or student-led initiatives. Grants may be awarded as one-time funding or, for larger projects, over a two-year



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 24 – May 30

- Converse Rd – Follow up
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Pine St – Paper service
- Spring St – Larceny/past
- Mill St – MV fire
- Washburn Ln - Disturbance
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Main St – Parking enforcement
- Water St – Road hazard
- Depot St – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Allen St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – MV collision
- Sandwich Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Indian Cove Rd - Wildlife services
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Pleasant St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – A&B/past
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – General service
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Mill St – Suspicious person

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 24 – May 30

- Long Plain Rd – MV crash
- Grand View Ave – Suspicious persons
- Wolf Island Rd – Suspicious persons
- Brandt Island Rd – Civil complaint
- Wolf Island Rd -Suspicious MV
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Third St – Animal control
- River Rd – Parking complaint
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Water St – General service
- Brant Beach Ave – MV crash
- County Rd – Property lost
- Rock St – MV violations
- Hubbards Way – MV violations
- Holly Woods Rd – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- North St – MV crash
- Church St Ext – MV crash
- Church St Ext – 911 call
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Fairview Dr – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- Tupola Ln – Medical assist
- Melanie Ln – Medical assist
- Tupola Ln – Complaint
- Water St – Summons service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 24 – May 30

- Vaughn Hill Rd – Follow-up
- Pine St – Assist other agency
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – Erratic MV
- North Ave – MV collision
- Stevens Rd – Follow-up/arrest
- High St – 911 call
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity
- North Ave - Disturbance
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Public assist
- High St – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Meadow Ln – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – Road hazard
- Pine St – Follow-up
- Dexter Ln – General services/arrest
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Bassett St – Fire alarm
- Marion Rd – General services/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – Structure fire
- Hartley Rd - Disturbance
- Benjamin Dr – Follow-up
- County Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Marion Rd – General services
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – Well-being check

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, June 8: Potato pollock, sweet potato wedges, Cali blend vegetables, Hawaiian roll, fruit cup, tartar sauce

Tuesday, June 9: Unstuffed pepper bowl w/beef & white rice, kale & corn, wheat bread, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, June 10: Shrimp tacos w/cheese, cilantro lime rice, black beans corn, peppers, tortilla wrap, orange

Thursday, June 11: Hamburger, roasted potatoes, green beans & peppers, wheat hamburger bun, apple, ketchup & mustard

Friday, June 12: Chicken Anna Maria, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, Fig Newton, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, June 8: Meatball sub, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 9: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, seasoned broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, June 10: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hash brown

patty, orange smiles

Thursday, June 11: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, June 8: Meatball sub, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 9: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, seasoned broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, June 10: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hash brown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, June 11: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, June 8: Meatball sub, oven baked French fries, steamed

carrots

Tuesday, June 9: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, seasoned broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, June 10: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hash brown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, June 11: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, June 8: Meatball sub, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 9: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, seasoned broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, June 10: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hash brown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, June 11: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce &

tomato

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, June 8: Meatball sub, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, June 9: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, seasoned broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, June 10: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hash brown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, June 11: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, June 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce & tomato

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, June 8: Butter chicken, rice, naan bread & Indian salad

Tuesday, June 9: Chow mein or ramen bowl

Wednesday, June 10: BBQ chicken, potato salad & corn on the cob

Thursday, June 11: Assorted build a bowl

Friday, June 12: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

period.

The program funded \$1,800 across four faculty-led projects: Improvements to the ORRHHS Disc Golf Course under the leadership of teachers Andrew Apperson and Nathan Kane; a rehearsal clinic for the ORRHHS band organized by teachers Richard Laprise and Tobias Monte; the purchase of adapted physical education equipment for ORRHHS students through a proposal submitted by teacher Ava Novakoski; and Year I funding for the ORRHHS Drama Club's replacement of the school's light board, a project guided by the high school's drama faculty advisors, Brayden Fanti and Vanessa Medeiros.

BPAA Treasurer Joyce (Senna) Messier '87 also commented on the launch of the new grants program after attending Senior Awards Night: "The grants program allows us to support the teachers and staff who make Old Rochester such a vibrant and caring place for students. These first projects reflect creativity, dedication, and a deep commitment to student wellbeing. We are proud to have launched this new program in order to help reach even more students."

The relevant committees' recommendations were unanimously approved by the BPAA Executive Committee, and all decisions were made in alignment with the organization's By-laws and Standing Rules. The Executive Committee is chaired by President Thomas Peccini '88, Vice President Michelle (Gayoski) Tackitt '87, Secretary Lorraine (Jefferson) Gallagher '90, Treasurer Joyce (Senna) Messier '87, and Director Kendra (Findley) Resha '96.

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible.

If you are an ORR alum or a friend of the school community in the tri-town and surrounding towns, please consider joining our 2026-2027 fundraising campaign here: <https://givebutter.com/bpaa-fundraising-drive-2026-2027-2aesdg>

To learn more about our mission, visit our dedicated website at: www.orr alumni.org.

Mattapoisett Museum

Please join the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street on **June 13** at 6:00 pm for the amazing music of The Hot Club Cheese Roll. Founded by guitarist Jason Smith in 2016 and inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli of The Hot Club of France, they will perform a mix of music of jazz standards as well as more contemporary hits interpreted in the gypsy jazz/hot club style.

Entrance to hear The Hot Club Cheese Roll costs \$18 to Mattapoisett Museum's members; non-members' entrance fee is \$20.

Rochester Historical Society Events

As in May we have two June events. The first will be our annual ice cream social with music by Tom and Sheila Perry. This has become a bit of a moveable feast. Because of July's heat, we moved it to May 2025, but 45-degree temps made for a smaller than normal turnout. Therefore, this year it will be our June meeting on Wednesday, **June 17** at 7:00 pm at the Historical Museum at 355 County Rd.

The second event will be on Saturday, **June 20** at 12:00 pm noon at the Plumb Library. This will be Women Of 76: True Stories of Revolutionary Women. Check the Library website as registration will probably be required. Thanks to the Library with letting us partner with them for this presentation.

Also, thanks for all who helped us with a successful Red, White and Blue Bake Sale. We wouldn't be able to fund the Historical Society without your help.

Plumb Library Summer Reading is Here

Join Plumb Library Saturday, **June 13** for our summer kickoff party. Summer reading events will continue all the way through August 1, with fun things happening every week. You can find the full calendar of events on our website, but here are a few highlights.

Join us outside by the gazebo for lots of laughter and fun on Saturday June 13 at 11:00 am for Mr. Vinny and his gigantic bubbles. Come inside to register for the summer reading program, pick up your log, and get instructions.

At 10:00 am on Saturday, **June 27**, the Rochester 4-H Club will bring their barnyard friends by for a petting zoo. Come meet rabbits, sheep, chickens, and cows, and get information about joining 4-H.

At 10:30 am on Saturday **July 11**, The Wareham Gatemen will visit the Library to play catch, sign balls, chat with children, and read a story or two. Bring your glove and join us out in front of the Library.

At 4:00 pm on Monday **July 13**, World of Whales program with local author Michelle Cusolito. Ms. Michelle will read one of her books and have a craft activity for children ages 6-11. Afterwards, everyone is

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4 Prefix for "bird"
7 Man-to-man term of endearment
13 Luau skirt
19 Native (to)
21 Modern way to shop
22 Neckwear clasp
23 Noteworthy septet of piers?
25 Spanish fleet
26 Worship
27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret?
29 Bottom-row PC key
30 Recipe qty.
32 Overly
33 Eggs' shapes
34 Successfully trap a moray?
41 Shrek is one
43 "There oughta be —!"
44 Dozing
47 Spellbound
51 "This works like a charm!"
55 Up-to-the-minute
57 Director Ang

- 58 Like family-friendly films
59 Pres. after FDR
62 Bring a Ferris wheel to a complete stop?
65 Scrape (by)
66 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands
69 Internet ID
70 TV host Philbin
71 Like a king who has wild mood swings?
76 Burns a little
77 Army NCO
78 Teensy bit
79 Nodded period
81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest?
84 Org. giving tows
85 Iridescent button materials
88 Architect I.M. from China
89 "Avengers: Age of —" (2015 Marvel film)
91 Government revenue sources
93 Ukraine port
96 Basketry willows

- 99 Shout
100 Mask
102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"?
107 Curved
110 — Fridays (restaurant)
113 Bank acct. amount
114 Uncooked
115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"?
119 1996 #1 hit for Los del Rio
124 Funnel-shaped bloom
125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland?
127 Quick raids
128 Cringed
129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener
130 Tiny amounts
131 Goes hastily
132 From — Z
133 Pop/soul singer Des'—

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2 Suffering, figuratively
3 — Kit (police face-maker)
4 Part of ACLU: Abbr.
5 — voce
6 "High Rollers" rapper
7 See 109-Down
8 With the wish (of)
9 Actress Summer of "Serenity"
10 Encircled with a band
11 Not suitable
12 Like many simple questions
13 TDs or RBI
14 Loud warning device
15 Eliminator
16 Former first lady Michelle
17 Rafael of tennis
18 Lawn surface
20 Suffix of nationalities
24 Amsterdam is its cap.
28 Sticky gunk
31 Island setting
35 Appellation
36 Dressed
37 Bible book before Zechariah

- 38 Prefix with light
39 Pipe joint
40 Foliage unit
42 Stan of jazz
45 Region of pre-Roman Italy
46 Viewed intently
48 Some wheel adjusters
49 Animal's "family tree"
50 Golf pegs
51 Deep anger
52 Pay attention
53 Sault —, Mich.
54 Replace with
56 Bud of Cooperstown
60 Some roofing specialists
61 Up to, in brief
63 Suffix with southwest
64 Outdoor gear retailer
67 Large city in Iraq
68 Raised RRs
72 "Either he goes — go!"
73 Mao — tung
74 Diva Sumac
75 Boomer's kid
76 Mafia chief
80 Horse cousin
82 Campus area

- 83 Film genre
86 Skillfully
87 Tranquil
90 Modern, in Munich
92 Scottish port
94 Varnish resin
95 Judgy glance
97 Make more offspring
98 Govt. loan agency
101 LAX guess
103 — mater
104 Collier's tram
105 Really bug
106 Discarded PCs or TVs
107 At the stern
108 Barber's tool
109 With 7-Down, the original "It" girl
111 Chews on
112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
116 Russian news agency
117 Chablis, e.g.
118 Ovid's "Lo!"
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So, calm down, cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted has failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being Lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce some previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Also, arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done -- and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in the ongoing pursuit of your goals. You now might want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position that you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. It's time to stop making excuses and start moving ahead toward your goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You'd be a fine artist -- and also a successful one.

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invited to explore inside Delilah, a life-sized inflatable whale from Whale & Dolphin Conservation.

At 1:30 pm on Monday **July 20**, Join Bwana Iguana for a fun and educational hands-on show about reptiles. We'll be joined by lots of scaley (but not scary) friends.

We are also excited to welcome back Ms. Rhonda's Indoor Band Jams every Wednesday at 10:30 am beginning **June 17**.

Please note that because space is limited for many of our programs, registration is mandatory unless "drop-in" is indicated. Make sure to check the Events Calendar on our website www.plumblibrary.com for sign up requirements, registration links, and more information on all of our upcoming programs. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Library hours: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed Sundays and Holidays. The Library will be closed Friday June 19 for Juneteenth. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com during regular hours.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

It became obvious to me as I read through our oldest town reports that herring were important to Rochester all the way through to at least the early 1900's. A clue to this was the placement of the "Report of the Herring Inspector" within the reports. Indeed, in colonial times, one of the perks of settling in town was the yearly allotment of 1 barrel (400 fish) and 10 shad to residents.

There were also people who made a living smoking, drying and selling herring and the town received money from the sale of herring. Today, there is

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a moratorium on the harvesting of the fish because of the declining numbers recorded.

The Alewives Anonymous volunteers track our yearly herring runs. These two pictures show a portion of the process at Leonard's Pond (one of the sites they monitor). Inside the box in the picture is the "brain" of the counter which sits between the 2 runs or ladders. There is a tube in the water with a wire that connects to the "brain". Inside the tube are 3 rings of increasing size. When an alewife (herring) goes through the smallest ring first, it is counted as entering. If it goes through that ring last, it's leaving.

The rest of the count process is low-tech with



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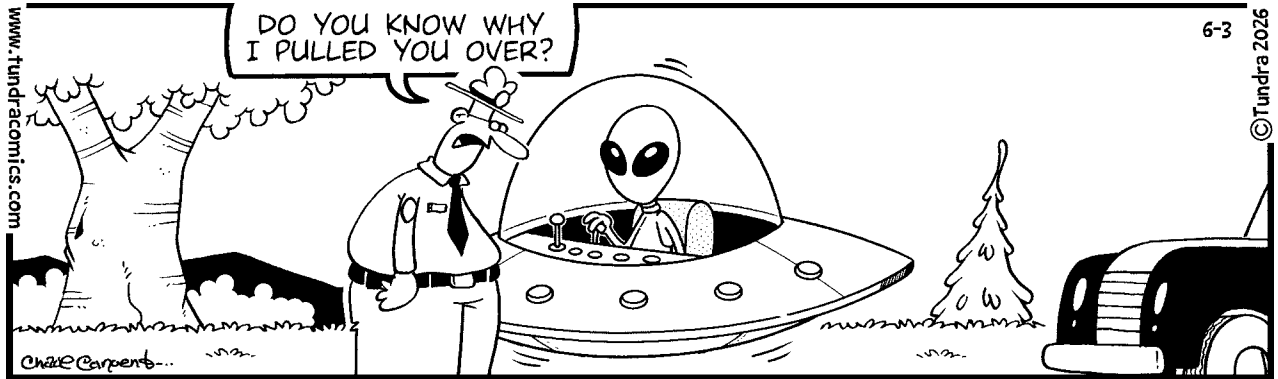


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a volunteer checking off pertinent information on a clipboard. At the end of each yearly run, this information is tabulated and recorded and reported.

If you stand at the side of the herring ladders, the water appears very turbulent, but beneath the surface where the fish swim it is calm. There are a lot of thoughts as to what has led to the decrease of fish being counted. Previous over harvesting, hungry birds, fishing trawlers too close to shore or something as simple as low river levels making that first jump up the ladder harder. One thing we do know that makes monitoring the annual run important is that the alewives are our "canary in the coal mine" when it comes to the health of our local rivers.

Children's Department at the Mattapoisett Library

Last week, we shared incorrect starting dates for our Summer Storytime Sessions. Please see the revised and corrected information below. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Our Summer Storytime Sessions will be starting with Family Storytime on Thursday, **June 25**, and Baby Storytime on Friday, **June 26**, both at 10:30 am. Family Storytime will be taking place at Munro Preserve, just down the street from the library. In the event of rain, we will simply meet at the library.

Our flooring replacement is complete. We are so excited to have everyone see it and enjoy the space once again. Come on down if you have the chance.

On Friday, **June 5**, at 3:30 pm, our Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club will be meeting for the last time until the fall. There's still time to pick up a copy of the book: "The Cartoonist Club" by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud. Copies are available near the media lab upstairs. Contact faguiar@sailsinc.org with any questions.

On Thursday, **June 11** at 3:30 pm, swing by the library to celebrate Father's Day with a keychain crafting extravaganza. Dad is sure to love the gifts crafted here at this all-ages event. Supplies are limited, so registration is required.

Last but not least, we are finalizing our plans for our 2026 Summer Reading Program - which will start on June 23rd. We have a lot of exciting events planned, and



we can't wait to share it all with you once everything is ready to go. Keep your eyes peeled.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

June Adult & Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Jump into June with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the MFPL invites local students to participate in our America's 250th Short Story Contest. This contest is open to students grades 6-12 and can be submitted via the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Short Edition portal, located on the library website. For more information, visit the library website. Please submit your work by no later than Monday, June 22nd.

Enjoy your Fridays at the Mattapoisett Library with T(w)een Friyays. Make crafts, play board games, read, or just chill in the teen area after school from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Friday **June 5** & Friday **June 12** Teens & tweens ages 10-17 are welcome.

On Saturday, **June 6** at 2:00 pm, join us for a panel discussion honoring the life and work of the late Jill Viles, author of *Manufacturing My Miracle*. Jill completed her memoir before her passing, leaving behind a powerful

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held upon the petition of EVERSOURCE to install 1 (one) new JO Pole # 131/5-5 in the Right of Way of Ocean View Avenue in Mattapoisett. This work is required to provide service to 14 – 16 Ocean View Avenue. The hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:45 pm. The Board meeting is also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is located on the Town website. Jodi L Bauer, Jorden C Collyer, Nicole Doyon Lynch, Judith M Mooney, Frances Feliz-Kearns 5/28,6/4 ----- TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Hybrid Meeting Option The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 15, 2026, at 7:05PM to consider the request of the Marion Art Center (MAC), for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed additions to existing facility. The property is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 15, Lot 77, zoned Residence B. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Doug Guey-Lee for the remote participation information: dgueylee@marionma.gov during normal business hours. Andrew Daniel, Chair Alanna Nelson, Vice Chair 5/28, 6/4 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING Please take notice that the Select Board of the Town of Rochester, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on June 22nd, 2026, at 6:05 pm. The public hearing will be held in the conference room at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue cable television licenses to Comcast and Verizon. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operators are in full compliance with their currently existing cable licenses; and (b) what are the Town's future community cable-related needs. 6/4, 6/11 ----- TOWN OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS	Sealed bids for construction of the Creek Road Pump Station Resiliency Improvements for the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, will be received at the Marion Water Pollution Control Facility, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738 until 11:00 am prevailing time on July 15, 2026, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes construction of: Replacement sewage pump station, including new raised electrical building, buried wet well and valve vault, extension of existing gravity sewer and force main, off-site ARV replacement, and installation of site features including grading, plantings, seeding, fencing, etc. Estimated construction cost: \$ 2,000,000 General Contractor's CATEGORY OF CERTIFICATION: PUMPING STATIONS Filed sub bids for the trades in Item 2 in Section 00 41 13 FORM OF GENERAL BID shall be addressed to the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, and endorsed to identify its contents and will be received at the Marion Water Pollution Control Facility, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738 until 11:00 am prevailing time on July 1, 2026, at which time and place said sub bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid security for all general bidders and sub bidders in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the total bid, in accordance with Section 00 21 13 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.SUB BIDS <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Sub-bid</th><th>Specification</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>2.A</td><td>Masonry</td><td></td><td>Division 4</td></tr><tr><td>2.B</td><td>Misc and Ornamental Iron</td><td></td><td>Division 5</td></tr><tr><td>2.C</td><td>Electrical</td><td></td><td>Division 7</td></tr></table> The Instructions to Bidders, Form of General Bid, Agreement, Plans, Specifications, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Accent Printing, Inc., 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, Massachusetts Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge at www.accentblueprints.com. Copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or by calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Printing located at 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 (978-362-8038), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are nonrefundable. For addition to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent to access the documents. The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 00 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications. General Contractors shall file their bids with a copy of the certificate from Division	Item	Sub-bid	Specification	Section	2.A	Masonry		Division 4	2.B	Misc and Ornamental Iron		Division 5	2.C	Electrical		Division 7	of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) showing that they are eligible to bid on projects of this category, of this estimated project dollar amount and up to an aggregate limit, and with an Update Statement, DCAM Form CQ3 and Certificate of Eligibility, DCAM Form CQ7. Subcontractors shall file with their sub-bids a copy of their DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and Sub-Bidders Update Statement. A non-mandatory pre-bid Conference will be held at Marion Water Pollution Control Facility, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738 at 11:00 am prevailing time on June 17, 2026. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications may be submitted in writing at that time. Bidders will have an opportunity to view the site of the work following the Prebid Conference. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A to 44J inclusive, as amended. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. This project is funded via the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and is subject to program requirements, project-specific regulations and requirements, and Federal Law. Refer to Section 00 73 73.33. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS BY Geoffrey Gorman, Town Administrator Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Reading, Massachusetts 6/4 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, June 18, 2026. CASE #1592 - Petition of Marcus Baptiste Charlotte Oliveira 2007 Revocable Trust 261 Perron Ave, Somerset, MA. 02726. Re: 17 Shore View Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 12.0, Lot 41.0 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 53317, Page 270. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided in Section 6.2.2 of the By-Law and in Section 7.2.2. to build a single-family home in contradiction to the current setback requirement of
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story of resilience, curiosity, and determination. Her husband, Jeremy Viles, will be joined by Jill's family for a panel-style conversation reflecting on her life, her writing, and the incredible legacy she leaves behind. Books will be available for purchase at the event. This event is presented in memory of David Anderson, through the generosity of his family and friends. Free and open to all - no registration required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 10**, at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends will continue accepting jewelry donations for their December 2026 sale. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is thrilled to welcome internationally bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special evening as part of our Purrington Author Series. Join us on Thursday, **June 11** at 6:00 pm at the

Mattapoisett Congregational Church. This event is free and open to all, and registration is optional.

Calling all crafters & readers. Create a transparent, dried flower bookmark at our Adult Craft Session, on **June 13** at 12:30 pm. These beautiful floral bookmarks add elegance and charm, making them ideal for personal use or as gifts for book lovers. Please register on our website to reserve your spot.

Join the MFPL for an Adult Board Game Night. We will be playing Just One, a party game where players work together to guess as many Mystery Words as possible. One session will be held on Saturday, **June 13** at 2:00 pm, and another will be held on Tuesday, **June 16** at 6:00 pm. Both sessions will be held in the library's Marine Room. Registration required. Email faguiar@sailsinc.org with any questions.

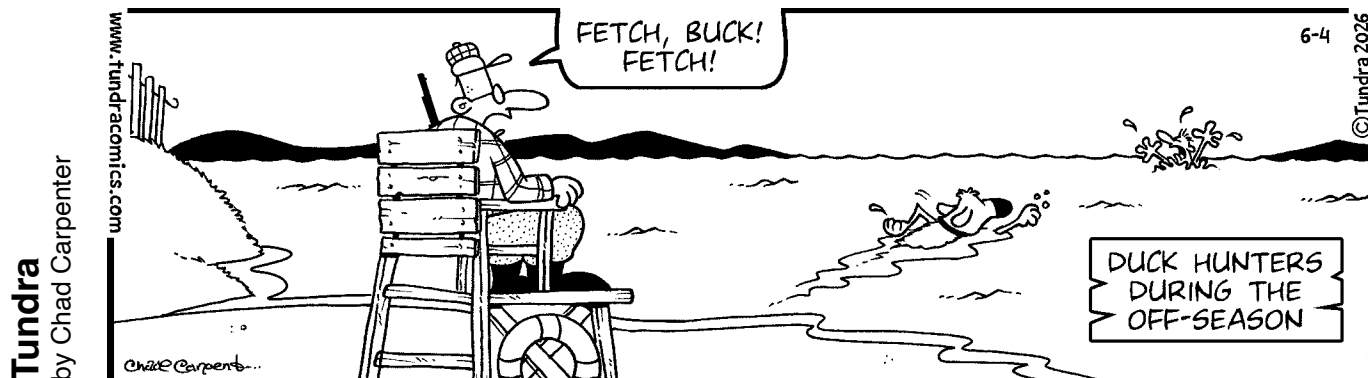
As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Elizabeth Taber Library

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the W30 zoning district. CASE #1593 – Petition of Deborah Romanowicz RE: 2 Collins Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 11.0, Lot 133C on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 10292, Page 0314. The applicant is seeking a variance under Article 7 of the By-Law, as set forth in Section 7.2.2, to build a first-floor bedroom. Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 6/4, 6/11 Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com	Trucks & car\$ wanted Same day removal - foreign & domestic 508-642-9128 Unwanted Air Conditioners removed for \$15 a piece Call Cliff at 508-472-8539 WANTED junk cars & trucks for salvage & parts. Paying cash. Free pickup. Heavy equipment. 508-763-4185 cell 508-524-3741 DM Auto WATERFRONT VACATION HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, amazing views of Buzzards Bay, Brant Island Cove, West Island www.brandtcovemarina.com/waterfront-rental-house Call Dave 508-728-5288 YARD SALE * 21 Mechanic St. Matt. Sat. June 6th 8am-2pm Collections Reduction Sale! Ephemera, Trunks, Nautical, Signs, Oars, Household, Craft Pottery, Office Furniture, Organizers, Artwork, Books, Vacuums, and even Locksets! Something For All! Don't miss it! Not your usual sale! RAIN OR SHINE! YOUR HANDYMEN Clean outs, dump runs, demolition, interior/ exterior, dump truck service, pressure washing, & more. Insured 774-762-0016	SOUTH COAST TREE REMOVAL We Cut, Trim & Remove Trees Fully Insured, Call For Free Estimate. (508)985-8205 Spring Cleaners Home * Office * Rentals Spring cleaning all year round! Call Samantha 508-245-9806 SUMMER RENTALS Antasswamock 4BR/1BA @ \$1,850/wk Waterfront 5BR/3.5BA @ \$6,500/wk Crescent Beach 2BR/1BA @ \$1,500/wk Waterview 3BR/2BA @ \$2,200/wk Call Dawson Real Estate (508) 758-3838 The Mattapoisett COA is seeking applications for part-time Van Driver. Details are available on the Town website under Employment. Applications can be obtained from Town Hall or the COA. Please submit applications/resumes to HR@Mattapoisett.gov Tree Service 24/7 Emergency Service FREE ESTIMATES 508-991-1809 office@tritowntowngroup.services Troy-Bilt 42" rider Good condition - \$400 508-454-2408

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everyone. Visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events to find a full list of programming. You can also stop by the Library to pick up a list of children's programs!

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us for our Summer Kickoff event between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm on Monday, **June 22**. You'll be able to sign up for summer reading, enjoy a sweet treat, and participate in activities from the Library and the Marion Art Center.

Adults can enjoy a conversation with local author Dianne Hunt Smith, author of *Murder at Chilmark* and *Whisper in the Waves*, on Tuesday, **June 23** at 6:00 pm. The Library will have limited copies of *Whisper in the Waves* available for purchase.

Regularly scheduled early childhood programs will resume the week of **June 22**. This includes lapsit storytime, outdoor family storytime, and our popular preschool/toddler messy art program, Messy Morning. There have been date and time changes for some of these programs for the summer, so please visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/summer for full information.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **June 8**, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, Acushnet. Come and be informed about the happenings in and around Rochester. All are invited to attend.

Volunteer Orientation at the MAC

The Marion Art Center is once again offering a volunteer orientation on Saturday, **June 6** starting at 10:30 am in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The event is open to anyone and everyone. Are you interested in volunteering but haven't signed up because you want to learn more first? Perhaps you have helped out at a MAC event before but would like to hear about other types of volunteer opportunities. Seasoned volunteers are welcome too – you may learn something new. We invite the public to learn all about how the MAC runs on volunteer power. You may even make some new friends in the process. The event will last about 1-to-1.5 hours and will be held at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Light refreshments

will be provided. More information at marionartcenter.org/events.

Nature Drawing and Journaling Workshop

The Marion Natural History Museum's community group will be learning a little about Botany & Landscapes during our Nature Drawing and Journaling workshop on Saturday, **June 13** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will learn a little about botany, the science of plants, as well as and how to draw a landscape. Tricia Cassady, Wetland Scientist and Artist of The Art & Nature Studio, will introduce you to some introductory botany terms and identification techniques as well as how to draw a landscape using a view finder. No experience necessary.

You can bring whatever materials you would like to work with such as graphite pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, watercolors and don't forget a sketchbook. We will be outdoors so please dress appropriately and bring a hat, water, bug spray, sunscreen, a small chair, stool or blanket to sit on. To register please go to www.marionmuseum.org.

Tri-County Symphonic Band Tickets

Ticket sales have begun for the upcoming Annual Benefit Pops Concert for the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The theme for this year is "Flay Day: 250 Years of Independence." The concert will, once again, be held on the waterfront in a grand tent on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Fine music, cupcakes and lemonade, a raffle for prizes and a fun-filled festive afternoon is planned for Sunday, **June 14**. Advance tickets can now be purchased at Mimi's of Marion, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org.

MYC Hosts Round the Bay Regatta

The 38th Mattapoissett Yacht Club Spring Round the Bay Race will be on **June 6**. This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy.

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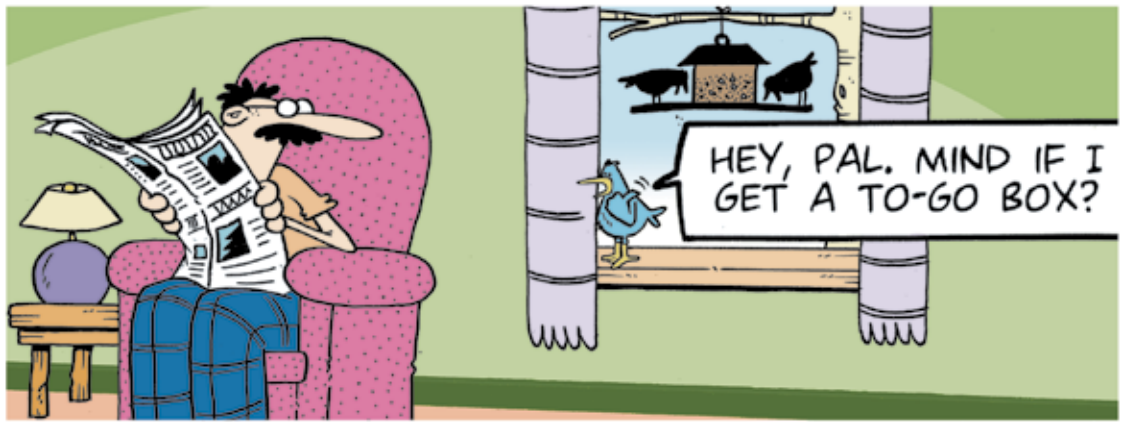


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New this year will be the double handed handicap class. Information and registration is now available on our website www.mattapoisettyc.org/racing.

OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently opened registration for its 9th annual Summer Discovery Experience program and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

This unique summer programming runs from **July 13 to July 24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering grades 5-9.

Discovery sessions cover a wide range of topics, including outdoor sports, automotive mechanics, culinary arts, cosmetology, forensics, welding, graphics, computer science and more.

Sessions are taught by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School educators.

"Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We

hope that the variety of Summer Discovery programming lets campers develop their current interests and also explore new paths."

Most programs run Monday through Friday. Since its introduction in 2017, the Summer Discovery Experience has expanded its schedule from five days to 10, spanning two weeks. Most activities now have time to run twice and accommodate more participants.

Participants are encouraged to mix and match morning and afternoon sessions. Families are responsible for their own transportation. All sessions are very popular, and spots are expected to fill quickly.

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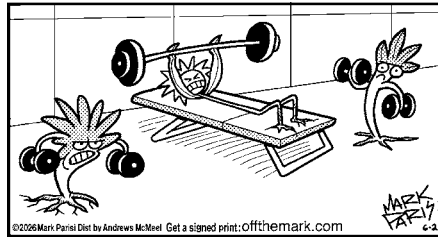
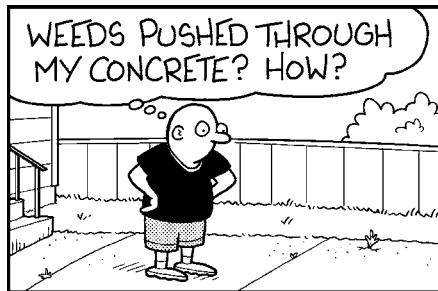
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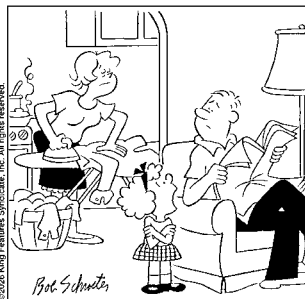
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am and noon in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School cafeteria. Students attending both sessions are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

"It's fantastic to see so many young people excited to roll up their sleeves and learn," said Superintendent Polansky.

All payments made by check must be received in the form of a bank check or money order by the Friday before the start of the selected program to secure a spot. To start camp, each participant will require an updated physical and signed pick up permission forms.

For more details and to secure a spot for your student email SummerDiscovery@OldColony.us with questions or concerns.

Birds of a Feather and Other Friends

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to view a lovely ceramic exhibit created by local artist Wendy Goldsmith from **June 2 to June 30**. Goldsmith went to art school and majored in printmaking and also studied ceramics. A few years later she went back to clay but still uses printmaking techniques in her process. She continued her studies at Castle Hill Center for the Arts and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Working in clay involves many art forms such as designing, drawing, painting and sculpting. Goldsmith feels there is always more to learn, different materials to explore, and unexpected things to happen. Her pottery is hand-built, allowing her to experiment with color and form as she strives to integrate both function and beauty into her work. Inspiration comes from nature and her interpretation comes from her imagination. Her hope is that her pieces will enrich people's celebrations and bring a smile with every day use which it definitely does. The exhibit is free and open to all.

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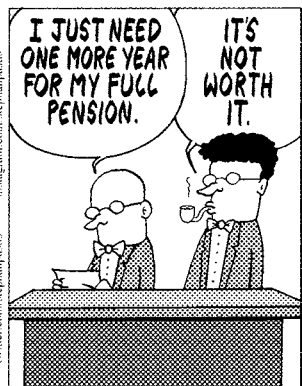
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We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Mattapoissett Road Race

With less than 2 months until the **4th of July**, it's time to lace up your sneakers and get ready to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by running the Mattapoissett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School, as well as support Old Rochester athletics. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester. Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. Until July 1, the registration fee is \$25, on July 2, July 3, and July 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3, and 7:30-8:30 am on July 4.

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Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 15 per session so make sure to register early. Perfect for children entering grades 2-6.

This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

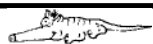
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Friday	June 12	5:53	6:22	11:25	
Saturday	June 13	6:53	7:18	12:46	12:18
Sunday	June 14	7:48	8:13	1:42	1:11
Monday	June 15	8:42	9:07	2:40	2:08
Tuesday	June 16	9:36	10:01	3:38	3:06
Wednesday	June 17	10:30	10:55	4:30	4:03
Thursday	June 18	11:25	11:49	5:19	4:59
Friday	June 19		12:21	6:06	5:56
Saturday	June 20	12:44	1:18	6:57	7:06
Sunday	June 21	1:38	2:13	7:50	8:43
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter		June 8th	
		New Moon		June 15th	
		First Quarter		June 21st	
		Full Moon		June 29th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Moral; 2. Shrunk
3. Hamlet; 4. Creak

Today's Word

HOMEMAKER

Sudoku Answer

3	1	6	9	5	7	8	2	4
2	8	5	6	1	4	7	9	3
7	4	9	2	3	8	6	5	1
8	9	3	5	2	1	4	6	7
5	6	7	3	4	9	2	1	8
1	2	4	8	7	6	9	3	5
4	3	1	7	6	2	5	8	9
6	7	8	1	9	5	3	4	2
9	5	2	4	8	3	1	7	6

EARTH HAS CUTE KITTIES! WE SHOULD ABDUCT ONE!



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Boar's Head
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